

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 2/16/06 and interview of 3/27/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jean Kyle on 3/27/06.

The application (Claims 12 and 16) has been amended as follows:

- Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said catch means comprises a winch~~ An apparatus for loading, transporting and stacking bales of hay comprising: a vehicle frame supporting an operator cab forward of a tiltable bed which is tiltable to a near vertical position, the operator cab having a front and a top; a track extending from the front of the cab to above the top of the cab; a means to engage and move a bale; wherein the means to engage and move the bale, engages the bale at the front of the cab and moves the bale along the track to above the top of the cab and releases the bale onto the bed inclined to meet the track above the top of the cab; and a means to catch bales being loaded onto the inclined bed, the catch means controllable moving a bale toward a rear of said bed and toward a front of said bed, the catch means comprising a winch.—

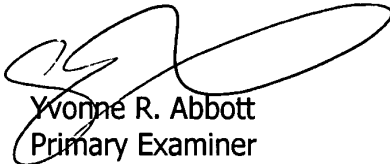
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- Claim 16 (currently amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said~~
An apparatus for loading, transporting and stacking bales of hay
comprising: a vehicle frame supporting an operator cab forward of a
tiltable bed which is tiltable to a near vertical position, the operator cab
having a front and a top; a track extending from the front of the cab to
above the top of the cab; a means to engage and move a bale; wherein
the means to engage and move the bale, engages the bale at the front
of the cab and moves the bale along the track to above the top of the
cab and releases the bale onto the bed inclined to meet the track above
the top of the cab; and a feeding means to disperse sections of a bale
loaded on said apparatus to the ground, the feeding means comprises a
track near a front of said tiltable bed, the track running crosswise on
said bed, a push plate and feeding tines, wherein said push plate
advances said bale along the track toward the feeding tines which
disperses said sections of the bale sequentially.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yvonne R. Abbott whose telephone number is (571) 272-6896. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Teri Luu can be reached on (571) 272-7045. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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